

26th August 1926]

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ I think it is not a question put to me.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ It was a question put to you, Sir. I think the rule is that, when the questions are laid on the table of the House, the references quoted in the answers should be available on the Secretary’s table. I want to know whether that has been complied with.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ There is no suggestion in the question that any particular way of publication should be resorted to by the Government. The hon. Member asks only for the orders passed by the Government after the consideration of the question and the Government refer the hon. Member to the *Fort St. George Gazette*. If he had asked that the orders passed should be placed on the table of the House the Government would surely have complied with the request.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ I think that it is the practice that the references quoted in the answers should be available on the Secretary’s table. You will kindly consider the question.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ It has never been the practice that, when reference is made to previous answers, those answers are placed on the table of the House.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ My recollection is that the question was considered and orders were issued that when such references are given, copies of them should be made available.”

#### *Encroachments and damages to country tracks.*

\* 2328 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : With reference to the answer given at the meeting of the Council on 19th August 1925 to question No. 96, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the result of their consideration of the steps to prevent encroachments on and damage to the country tracks?

A.—The matter is still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know at what stage the matter is? I understand that people are put to considerable inconvenience. The question is addressed to the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Member for Revenue. May I know from either of them as to when this matter will be disposed of?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ As early as possible.”

#### *Representation of depressed classes in certain local boards.*

\* 2329 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN : With reference to the answer to question No. 1767 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 24th March 1926, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any of the Indian Christian members of the Mayavaram Taluk Board and of the Tranquebar Union Board have been nominated to represent the depressed classes; and